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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THE PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE BELIEVES HE WILL BE READY TO FORM THE BROAD-BASED TRANSITION GOVERNMENT WHEN UNAMIR IS READY DESPITE DISSENSION WITHIN KEY POLITICAL PARTIES. NEVERTHELESS, HE SEEKS U.S. HELP IN REUNITING HIS PARTY BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT IS FORMED.

3. PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE FAUSTIN TWAGIRAMUNGU TOLD CHARGE 12/06, THAT HE ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEMS IN

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PUTTING THE BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT INTO PLACE BY THE END OF DECEMBER DESPITE CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITHIN HIS PARTY, THE MDR, AND THE LIBERAL PARTY.

NEVERTHELESS, HE HAD TWO MESSAGES FOR CHARGE:

ENCOURAGE MDR RECONCILIATION BEFORE THE BBTG IS FORMED, AND LEAN ON THE MRND TO STOP BEHAVING AS IF IT WERE STILL RWANDA'S SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY.

4. TWAGIRAMUNGU TOLD CHARGE THAT HIS MEETING WITH DISMAS 12/3 (REFTEL) HAD NOT ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF MDR RECONCILIATION. IN CONTRAST TO THE COMMUNIQUE THE TWO SIGNED IN MOMBASA, FAUSTIN SAID DISMAS REMAINED ANGRY, DEMANDED THAT FAUSTIN STEP DOWN AS PRIME MINISTER, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEACE AGREEMENT. A FRUSTRATED TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID HE HAD DONE ALL HE COULD TO PROMOTE RECONCILIATION AND WONDERED ALOUD WHAT DISMAS REALLY WANTS. ASKED WHAT HE WAS WILLING TO CONCEDE, TWANIRAMUNGU SAID FIRMLY THAT RECONCILIATION MUST

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COME FIRST, DISCUSSION ABOUT SHARING MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS MUST FOLLOW. FAUSTIN AND DISMAS ARE TO MEET AGAIN IN KIGALI ON THURSDAY, 12/09 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BISHOPS.

5. TWAGIRAMUNGU LAMENTED THAT THE MRND, THE PARTY OF PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA, CONTINUES TO ACT LIKE A SINGLE PARTY. HE ALSO ACCUSED ITS PRESIDENT, MATHIEU NGIRUMPATSE, OF TALKING OUT OF BOTH SIDES OF HIS MOUTH. TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HE EXPRESSES WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORD, TO THE RURAL POPULATION OF RWANDA HE GIVES A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MESSAGE.

6. TWAGIRAMUNGU ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE LIBERAL PARTY, WHICH HAS FOR SO LONG BEEN THE MDR'S STAUNCH OPPPOSITION ALLY, IS NOW "FINISHED." HE SAID HE HAD ARGUED THAT MORNING WITH PL PRESIDENT JUSTIN MUGENZI OVER HIS ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ACTIONS. HE REFERRED TO WEEKEND ELECTIONS FOR LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP IN EACH PREFECTURE AND SAID THOSE ELECTED WERE ACTUALLY MEMBERS OF THE HUTU EXTREMIST CDR PARTY. REFERRING TO THE PL'S CONTESTED ELECTIONS FOR DEPUTIES, TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID MUGENZI SHOULD ACCEPT THE RESULTS

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OF THE ELECTIONS THAT HE HIMSELF HAD CALLED RATHER
THAN DISCARD THEM JUST BECAUSE HE DIDN'T LIKE THE
OUTCOME.

7. TWAGIRAMUNGU LAID THE BLAME FOR THE RECENT
UPSURGE IN VIOLENCE AND DISSENSION IN THE POLITICAL
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PARTIES SQUARELY ON PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA. HE SAID
THE PRESIDENT FEARS THE APPROACHING POWER SHARING
ARRANGEMENT BECAUSE IT COULD RESULT IN HIS
IMPEACHMENT, OR EVEN DEATH. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT
VIEWS THE MULTI-PARTY TRANSITION NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS
A DANGEROUS INSTITUTION. THIS HAS PROMPTED HIM TO
DESTROY OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES IN ORDER TO ASSURE
HIMSELF OF DEPUTIES LOYAL TO HIM. TWAGIRAMUNGU SAID
HE WAS WARY OF HOLDING TOO MANY ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS
WITH THE PRESIDENT, SUCH AS THE ONE OF NOVEMBER 26
(REFTEL). HE BELIEVES THE PRESIDENT WILL TRY TO USE
SUCH MEETINGS TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF HE IS IN THE
PRESIDENT'S POCKET.

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8. TWAGIRAMUNGU WENT ON TO ACCUSE THE PRESIDENTIAL
GUARD OF PERPETRATING THE RECENT VIOLENCE AND
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TERRORISM IN RWANDA. HE ALLEGED THAT A NUMBER OF
COMMANDOS HAD BEEN SENT TO ZAIRE FOR TRAINING AND
ONCE THERE, THEY WERE ACCORDED ZAIREAN PASSPORTS AND
SENT ABROAD FOR FURTHER TRAINING. HE SPECULATED THAT
THIS TRAINING MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN ISRAEL OR MOROCCO.
HE SAID THEY THEN RETURNED TO RWANDA, AND WEARING
CIVILIAN CLOTHES, ARE COMMITTING ATROCITIES TO BLOCK
FORMATION OF THE BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT.

9. TWAGIRAMUNGU EXPRESSED A SENSE OF ISOLATION. HE
SAID HE WAS UNDER ATTACK FROM ALL SIDES. HIS OWN
PARTY REJECTS HIM AS PRIME MINISTER. HIS OLD ALLY
MUGENZI IS DESERTING HIM. THE MRND IS AGAINST HIM
OVER THE ISSUE OF PAYING CELLULE OFFICIALS. HE
AGREED THAT HE WAS IN A WEAK POSITION TO FORM A
GOVERNMENT UNLESS THE MDR FACTION COULD REUNITE.

COMMENT

10. TWAGIRAMUNGU BECAME QUITE AGITATED DURING THE

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CONVERSATION, POSSIBLY REFLECTING HIS FRUSTRATION AND ISOLATION AND POSSIBLY BETRAYING THE SENSE OF CONFIDENCE HE CONTINUES TO PROJECT. MRND PRESIDENT NGIRUMPATSE TOLD CHARGE 12/7 THAT HE HOPES TO MEET TWAGIRAMUNGU THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS A RANGE OF ISSUES, INCLUDING THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND MUTUAL ANTAGONISM OVER THE CELLULE ISSUE. PL PRESIDENT MUGENZI GAVE CHARGE NO HINT OF THE RANCOR BETWEEN HIM AND TWAGIRAMUNGU DURING CONVERSATION 12/6. HE JUSTIFIED HIS WEEKEND PARTY CONGRESSES AND SAID THE LANDO

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FACTION HAD BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE. CHARGE WILL
ENCOURAGE BOTH SIDES OF THE MDR TO RECONCILE BEFORE
THE BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT IS PUT IN PLACE SO THAT
THE GOVERNMENT CAN START FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH
RATHER THAN WEAKNESS. LEADER

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